

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

DATE: 12/23/2019

☒ WAIVER REQUEST

☐ ANSWER

☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DOCKET #:

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division

## FILER INFORMATION

Name: William "Billy" F Mertz  
Office/Position: Plaquemines Parish School Board / District 5 / Plaquemines  
Dates of Service: 2009-2017  
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 15

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 3 Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2017  
November 6, 2018 election  
Report ID: PFD19011391  
Original Due Date: 7/25/2018  
NOD Received: 8/4/2018 - Signed by: Chit Hambergur  
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 8/14/2018  
PFD/Answer Filed: 12/26/2019

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 499  
Total days late from initial due date: 519  
Late Fee Order Received: 12/9/2019  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 12/30/2019  
Waiver Request Received: 12/18/2019

## COMMENTS:

William Mertz is requesting a Waiver for the late filing of his 2017 Candidate PFD Statement. Mr. Mertz stated he dropped out of the November 6, 2018 Election. However, he does not have access to his records to prove he withdrew from the race. All of his records are currently in the possession of his future Ex-Wife. Mr. Mertz stated to the best of his recollection, he notified the SOS prior to the deadline that he was withdrawing from the election. He was then instructed by SOS to notify his local Clerk of Courts office in writing, which he did but does not recall when he contacted the Plaquemines Parish Clerk of Courts Office. Mr. Mertz filed his CF Report, but does not recall needing to submit a PFD. He apologies for the omission of the report and stated it was not intentional. He wishes that his \$1500 Late Fee Assessment be considered for waiving by the Ethics Board. This is Mr. Mertz first late fee.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

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